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County encourages visitors to 'Unwind Local'

by Chad Ingram

Unwind Local.

That's the message of Haliburton County's 2015 marketing campaign.

Playing on the #MyHaliburtonHighands program she introduced last year, tourism director Amanda Virtanen unveiled the Unwind Local campaign to councillors at a Jan. 14 committee meeting.

The promotional video – created by local production company Positive Media – is a fast-paced montage of video clips showing bubbling local beers, canoeing, fishing and campfire scenes, local musical performances and more, all set to the sort of youthful music one might hear tumbling out of a bar on Toronto's Ossington Avenue.

Near the end, a series of "un" words – unmatched, unparalleled, etc. - cycle on the screen, ending with "Unwind Local."

The phrase is a take on the popular Eat Local and Shop Local trends, Virtanen explaining that in this case, "local" applied to anyone in regional proximity to Haliburton County.

Committee member Bruce Ballantine was quick to point out that, to be grammatically correct, the slogan should read, "Unwind Locally."

"It fits nicely with the trend," Virtanen said.

"The unfortunate trend," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, who admitted she'd struggled with the grammatical incorrectness but decided that in the end, it was in the county's best interest to capitalize on the trend. "It is modern and you just have to go with that."

Councillors had suggestions for the video, Moffatt pointing out there weren't many middle-aged people depicted and Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin noting there was an absence of motor sports.

Virtanen said the video was a draft and that other footage could be incorporated, the music changed, depending on council's preference.

The tourism department's advertising budget for 2015 is $115,000, some of that going toward the creation of promotional videos.

Virtanen said she also planned to take advantage of a YouTube advertising opportunity, which costs nothing if viewers click away within the first eight seconds.

A winter-themed version was released on YouTube last week.

Getting tough with customer service in the Highlands

By Chad Ingram

Haliburton County may be exercising some tough love when it comes to customer service at businesses within its borders.

The idea of conducting a true "mystery shopper" style assessment was discussed during a meeting of the county's tourism committee on Jan. 14.

Such mystery shopper assessments have been performed in the municipality in the past, however, on a voluntary basis.

As county councillors have discussed in the past, often it's the businesses that do not want to part of such exercises that could use the most improvement.

Committee member Bruce Ballentine, who sits on the Haliburton Highlands Tourism Stakeholders Committee, said it had been suggested at a stakeholders meeting the assessments simply be performed and that business owners could be approached afterwards about whether or not they wanted to hear the results.

"I'm glad to hear you're interested in taking a more aggressive approach," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve and tourism committee chairwoman Carol Moffatt. "I think it's maybe time in the county for a little bit of tough love. There are probably half a dozen people in this room who have had poor customer service experiences in Haliburton County."

Ballentine said that in a tourism economy, every business – every gas station, every lumberyard – was also in the tourism business.

County can't afford to build tourism building in near future

By Chad Ingram

The county's tourism director has suggested to county council that the department get a new building on the property where the county is building its new EMS base.

Councillors received a staff report with the recommendation during a Jan. 14 tourism committee meeting.

For years, the county's tourism information office has been located in a small building off Highway 35 in Minden. The county leases the building from the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

The current, one-year lease expires this summer.

"The space isn't ideal for a variety of reasons . . . it's an aging building," Amanda Virtanen told councillors.

The county pays $1,200 a month, plus utilities and maintenance fees, for the space.

Virtanen's preferred option was for the county to purchase an EcoLog home kit, erecting the building just north of the new EMS base, which is scheduled to open in April.

That project is costing the county some $1.2 million and it's already spent about $800,000 on the acquisition and servicing of the property.

Other options included placing an EcoLog building on a property owned by a third party (the vacant lot at the Carnarvon intersection was mentioned in the staff report) or renting one of the units in the strip mall being constructed at the intersection of Highway 35 and County Road 21 by the owners of HP Superstore. A 900-square-foot unit in that building would cost approximately $1,600 a month, plus utilities.

Staying with the status quo was also an option.

While councillors liked option No. 1, they agreed now was not the time.

"Option 1 is the only one that has a huge capital requirement," said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin, stressing county council was facing a difficult budget year. "I just don't think in 2015 we can consider that."

His colleagues expressed similar sentiments.

"I totally agree this isn't the time to go about investing in a new property," said Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge.

Councillors agreed that pending review of property lines, they'd retain a chunk of the former Walker's Auto Repair property for the purpose in the future.

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Students in the region between grades 5-12 are encouraged to submit entries in the form of poems, essays, songs, videos or stories before the end of the day on March 15. Evaluation will be based on how well the student describes the functions and importance of our headwater lakes, creativity and use of local examples. The final video will be produced by Muskoka Watershed Council, a non-profit volunteer organization championing watershed health since 2001, and will feature the winner describing the importance of our headwater lakes.

The Highlands Headwater Champion contest is made available by The Land Between in partnership with RBC's Bluewater Project, Environment Canada EcoAction, and Muskoka Watershed Council. The Land Between is a registered national charity which focuses on the conservation of the unique and important ecological, social, cultural and economic features of the region between the Canadian Shield and St. Lawrence Lowlands.

"This project provides an opportunity for students to think creatively, learn proactively, and be rewarded by support and through showcasing their work to the world," says Leora Berman, CMO of The Land Between. Submit completed entries to Leora at tlb@thelandbetween.ca before World Water Week to participate.

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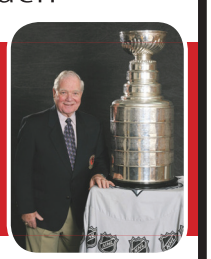

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$122,500 OTF grant formally announced

Earlier this month, members of the Coboconk, Norland and Area Chamber of Commerce got together for their first annual general meeting since the group opened its doors less than a year ago. On the agenda was a special appearance by Ontario Trillium Foundation volunteer Brian Markle who took the opportunity to formally congratulate the organization on receiving a two-year, $122,500 grant. Local MPP Laurie Scott was unable to attend the meeting and sent her congratulations.

"I commend the Ontario Trillium Foundation for making this significant investment with the Coboconk, Norland and Area Chamber of Commerce. These funds will help you continue to grow as an organization and assist you in hosting new and existing local events," said Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

Funds are being used for several community projects and events – such as a new pergola in Riverside Park in Norland, new picnic tables for parks, and lots of new beautification projects, as well as to help build the capacity of the new organization to undertake the leadership of these projects. This is an exciting time for the group, which is the first new Chamber of Commerce in Ontario in the last 20 years and now has over 100 enthusiastic members.

"We are grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for their support of this community and our new Chamber of Commerce. It is a real vote of confidence in the work we have undertaken and we will continue to work to strengthen our local economy and take on projects to positively impact our communities," said Ian Forster, chair of the Coboconk, Norland and Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Coboconk, Norland and Area Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary association of business and professional men and women who have joined together in a commitment to improve the social, civic, and business environment in Coboconk, Norland and area. It actively partners with other groups and organizations to develop collaborative relationships and joint initiatives. It is a legislative monitor at the local, provincial, and federal levels of government, a business and tourism information bureau, and a promotion vehicle for local business. For more information: www.coboconknorland.ca.

A leading grantmaker in Canada, the Ontario Trillium Foundation strengthens the capacity of the voluntary sector through investments in community-based initiatives. An agency of the Government of Ontario, OTF builds healthy and vibrant communities.

Devolin to invest $6,500 in the performing arts

Local MP Barry Devolin, on behalf of the Honourable Shelly Glover, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, announced $6,500 to support the Razzamataz Kids' Shows earlier this month.

The funding, through the Canada Arts Presentation Fund, will help cover some of the costs associated with their annual performing arts series for children. The 2015 edition of the series will include programming for children and families with a wide variety of performances that include music, theatre, dance and circus.

"I am thrilled that once again our government is supporting Razzamataz Kids' Shows, which is celebrating its 30th year of providing children and families in the Haliburton region with access to top-quality arts and cultural experiences," said Devolin. "I strongly believe that arts and cultural organizations like Razzamataz strengthen our communities and enrich the quality of life of Canadians."

"Haliburton Razzamataz Kids' Shows! is grateful for the support received from the Department of Canadian Heritage," said Dawn Mole-Hurd, chairwoman Razzamataz Kids' Shows. "This funding enables our organization to celebrate our 30th season of offering family entertainment and to present four performances showcasing theatre, variety, dance, puppetry and a dance theatre residency involving community members in a professional public performance."

Razzamataz Kids' Shows is a volunteer organization that presents an annual series of interactive shows that target an audience of children aged two to 12. RKS also offers artist-led workshops for children aged nine to 12 in partnership with local dance schools.

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The Driven to Quit Challenge returns in 2015, giving local smokers a chance to win a brand-new Toyota Corolla, Nissan Sentra or Scion tC. There are also seven additional prizes of $1,000 to be won.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is encouraging local residents who regularly smoke or use other tobacco products to take up the Driven to Quit Challenge.

The Driven to Quit Challenge is a quit-smoking contest organized by the Canadian Cancer Society. Since 2006, Driven to Quit has inspired more than 213,000 people to make a quit attempt, including more than 11,000 individuals just in 2014.

"It's never easy to quit smoking," admits Jennifer Robertson, a public health nurse with the HKPR District Health Unit.

"However, if you need some encouragement, picture a brand-new vehicle in your driveway or imagine yourself with $1,000 in cash to spend as you like. Of course, the best prize to quitting smoking is enjoying better health for yourself and your loved ones."

Driven to Quit is open to all Ontario residents 19 years or age and older. To enter, people can visit www.driventoquit.ca or call the Smokers' Helpline at 1-877-513-5333. Deadline to register is midnight on Feb. 28. Every person who enters the Driven to Quit Challenge will receive discount coupons towards the purchase of nicotine patches and gum.

Once registered for the contest, people must not smoke or use tobacco for the entire month of March. Robertson notes that the Driven to Quit contest also encourages smokers to get help from others to help them quit.

People who enter the Driven to Quit contest can register a quit buddy who can offer encouragement to help them stay tobacco-free during the contest. Registering a buddy also doubles their chance of winning, Robertson adds.

Smokers aren't the only ones who can visit the Driven to Quit website. The site offers a 'Challenge a Smoker' section, in which someone can sign up to send an email to a friend or family member who smokes. "The email challenges the person to kick the tobacco addiction by entering the Driven to Quit Challenge," Robertson notes.

For people who need inspiration to quit smoking ahead of Driven to Quit, there are many resources to help, including the Smokers' Helpline (www.smokershelpline.ca). The Health Unit can also assist with quit-smoking support, including its Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients (S.T.O.P.) Programs being offered in the area. Find out more by calling the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 or visiting www.hkpr.on.ca.

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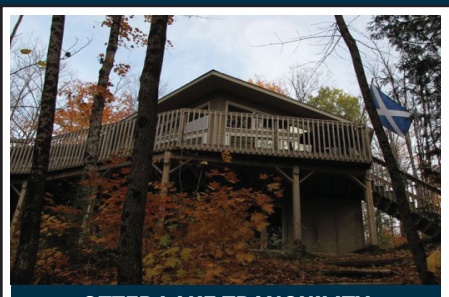

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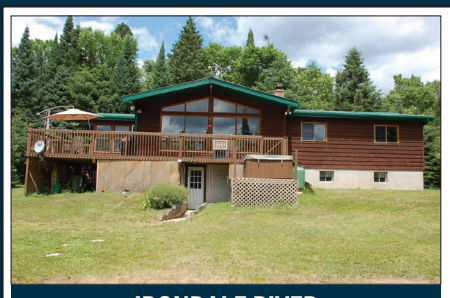

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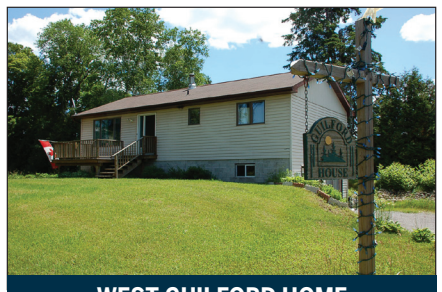

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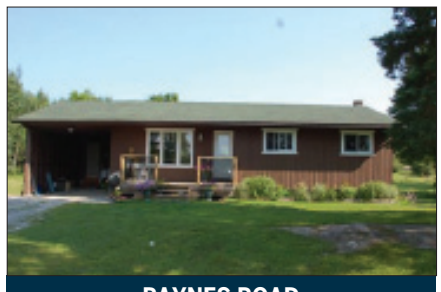

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HHSS artists featured in exhibition

By Nate Smelle

On Jan. 7 the Michal Manson Memorial High School exhibition returned to the Art Gallery of Bancroft for the 24th year. The annual exhibition showcases the artwork of young up and coming artists from three high schools in the area. Students from North Hastings High School in Bancroft, Madawaska Valley District High School in Barry's Bay and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School each submitted 10 to 15 pieces per school for selection for the exhibition.The student exhibition was renamed in honour of artist and gallery committee member Michal Manson in February 2010 after her death.

The opening reception was held on Saturday, Jan. 10, bringing out artists and art lovers of all ages, with many of the artists featured in the show in attendance. Don and Victoria Koppin of Don Koppin Contracting sponsored the exhibition, while Bancroft artist Allan O'Marra acted as juror. With a tremendous amount of talent on display in the exhibition O'Marra had the difficult task of evaluating and critiquing each artist's work before delivering this year's list of winners.

The award for best photograph went to Katelyn Craig for her photograph *Red Tube*. Katelyn also received an honorable mention for her photo *Dew on a Tulip*. The award for best painting in show was given to Naomi Russell for her piece *Heart of the Sea*. Artist Jacob Mountney also received an honorable mention for his piece *Music Head*. The best drawing in show for 2015 was awarded to artist Victoria Archibald for her ink on paper triptych entitled *Three Trees*. Artist Beth Foster's ink on paper drawing *Happy New Year* also received an honorable mention. A special mention also went out to: Shae MacNaull's intaglio print *Titanic*, Ciani Biasini's painting *Fierce Animal* and Cassandra Luckasavitch's block print *The Keys to Life*. The winner of the Special Juror's award for 2015 went to artist Samantha Douglas for her drawing titled *Arctic Soul*. For this honour Douglas will receive a private one-on-one lesson with O'Marra.

Alexandra Yake has been creating art for as long as she can remember. Last year her piece *Property of Society* was awarded best 3-D art in the high school exhibition at the gallery.

"I don't usually work in charcoal," Yake said. "I usually work in pencil or with coloured pencils, but I wanted to try something new with this piece."

"I was inspired to create it [painting *Angelina*] after watching the film *Maleficent*. After seeing the movie, I started looking up photos of Angelina Jolie and found one that I really liked because it highlighted her facial structure."

As a special addition to this year's show, the artwork of local artist Shannon Schutt returned to the gallery walls. Schutt said she was grateful to have her work back on display in her hometown. A long-time volunteer with the gallery, she considers the support and friendships she has attained through the gallery as instrumental in her personal evolution as an artist.

"I would suggest that every young artist spend as much time as they can in their own community," said Schutt.

"Not only will this help them grow as an artist, but it will give them valuable experience for their future endeavours. Shows such as the Michal Manson Memorial annual high school exhibition are out there to act as a launch board for these young artists."

Interested in art for as long as she can remember, Schutt knew from a young age that she was a creative person because she always felt the need to make things.

"I'm inspired by the people I interact with; the beauty that can be seen in every individual. My family and friends are also very inspiring, every kind word helps to nudge a young artist forward."

In 2013 she continued her affiliation with the AGB as a volunteer administrative assistant. This experience, she explained, helped her to obtain work as an administrative classroom assistant at the Sir Sandford Fleming College Haliburton School of the Arts where she is currently studying. Recently completing her diploma in visual and creative arts, she is about to begin studying the ancient art of blacksmithing.

For Schutt, art does not just have to be about creating paintings, drawings and sculptures, it is also about community.

"Art helps to build a sense of community in the way that we get to celebrate each other's creativity, learn from one another, and take pride in one another's abilities," said Schutt.

"Such as the pride that was shown when Bancroft was voted Ontario's Most Talented Town. Bancroft fosters a welcoming atmosphere for those that are artistically inclined. We have many artistic venues and events that showcase the wares of these creatively minded people and bring us all together as a community."

The Michal Manson Memorial exhibition is on display at the gallery until Jan. 31.

From right, Shannon Schutt, Cassandra Luckasavitch, Naomi Russell, Alexandra Yake and Noelle Dupret-Smith

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student artist Alexandra Yake explains whatinspired her to create this charcoal drawing of Angelina Jolie featured in this year's MichalManson Memorial high school exhibition. Nate Smelle/Special to County Life

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RRSP checklist for the 2014 tax year

- A social insurance number and earned income is needed to start an RRSP.
- Contribute to an RRSP by March 2, 2015. Why? To qualify as a 2014 deduction, contributions to your personal or spousal RRSPs must be made by this date.
- How much should you contribute? To determine your RRSP contribution limit for 2014, refer to your previous year's Notice of Assessment from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), or visit the CRA website at www.cra-arc.gc.ca.
- Note: For 2014, each taxpayer's annual contribution room is calculated as 18 per cent of their 2013 earned income, to a maximum of $24,270, less any required pension adjustments.
- Determine what amount, if any, you have already contributed to your RRSP for 2014. You may have made contributions throughout the year, or have unused contribution room from previous years that you can use, up to your 2014 RRSP contribution limit.
- Remember to consider group RRSPs. You will receive a 2014 tax deduction for this amount as long as the contribution is made by the deadline.
- Watch the mail for your receipts. If you're filing a paper income tax return, you must attach receipts for all amounts contributed from March 4, 2014 to March 2, 2015 inclusive. This includes any amounts you are not deducting on your income tax and benefit return for 2014, and those you are designating as Home Buyers' Plan or Lifelong Learning Plan repayments.

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Congratulations to the grand prize winner for 2014!
Gerrie Wynen received a $500 gift certificate to the Ethel Curry Gallery in Haliburton as part of the Referral Reward program of the Trillium Team Royal Lepage. Pictured are Anthony vanLieshout, Broker of Record, Member of the Trillium Team, winner Gerrie Wynen and Wayne Hooks owner of the Ethel Curry Gallery.

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Top 10 reasons not to go south for the winter

Living Large
Humour by Steve Galea

Between here and February, a lot of people will be seriously considering a trip down south to warmer climes. And while this seems like a good idea it is actually fraught with pitfalls. For one thing, the ice fishing sucks in Jamaica.

That's just the start.

Here are 10 other reasons to avoid going south for the winter.

1. Sand in your shorts: This is something that simply never happens in Canada in winter. And while it seems like nothing more than an annoyance, it can have serious repercussions should you decide to enter any speed walking competitions while you are in the sunny south.
2. Speed walking competitions: Here in the frozen north, if someone asked you to enroll in a speed walking competition, you'd throw a snowball at them. But when you are down south on vacation, you do things you might not normally do back home – partly because you don't know anyone there. But mostly because you don't have enough experience with having sand in your shorts.
3. Alligators: Perhaps the only thing worse than sand in your shorts is alligators. All it takes is one alligator to ruin your day and the south is full of them. And while they are not too speedy, neither are you when you have sand in your shorts.
4. Golf: One of the truly great things about a Canadian winter is that it eliminates the possibility of a spontaneous round of golf breaking out. Until they decide to go with golf balls coloured anything but white that will always be the way it is. Down south, however, golf happens all the time. Do you really want to visit a place like that?
5. Coconut-related accidents: As we all know, in life, normal people are constantly getting hit by balls falling from the sky. Luckily here in the north those are generally snow balls. Down south, they are very likely to be coconuts – which are considerably harder. Funny how the tourism people never tell you that, huh?
6. Montezuma's Revenge: Apparently our ancestors did something so offensive to Montezuma that he swore revenge on anyone who spent a day at cheap, all-you-can-eat, southern restaurants that utilize questionable health practices. I'm guessing this is because he was a health inspector.
7. Geese: Here in the frozen north we spend the whole summer and fall complaining about geese. So why visit them down south?
8. Corn Rows: Going down south is the leading cause of corn rows. Which is fine, but when you sober up and see your hair, you're going to wish you had your tuque.
9. Lizards: Lizards love warmer climates – and lounges. Both of which can be found down south. Need I say more?
10. Loud shirts: We Canadians are a reserved bunch, not prone to loud shirts. That means when you go down south, if you are not wearing one, people will know you are a tourist and an easy mark. That's why everyone comes back with loud shirts.

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Minden vying for Hockeyville title

By Darren Lum

Minden is throwing its hat in the ring, joining Haliburton and many other communities across the nation in a bid to become Kraft Hockeyville.

Kraft Hockeyville is a contest where communities compete by demonstrating their love for hockey, started by CBC Sports and sponsored by Kraft Foods, the NHL and the NHL Players' Association.

Minden Hills's director of community services Mark Coleman said the community not only has a strong affinity for Canada's game, but also the greatest need for the money. (The top prize is $100,000 plus hosting an NHL pre-season game. Making the top 10 garners a $25,000 prize). Any amount will help with close to $2.5 million in renovations needed to extend the lifespan of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, which is more than 40 years old.

"As much as we have two arenas in the county, I don't think we can just survive on one. I think they're both important. They both support each other because of the shared minor hockey league," Coleman said.

The outdated S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena is in dire need of a major overhaul within the two years.

This doesn't include any emergency breakdowns that could shut the facility down, similar to what happened in Haliburton last year.

This facility, Coleman said, services more than just hockey, as it is used by a variety of organizations and clubs.

"We, the community, obviously feel just as much as Haliburton, [that we] share in the hockey spirit within the Haliburton Highlands and a lot of the same great players Haliburton takes credit for, well they've played here too," he said. "We have lots of hockey spirit in Minden."

The arena has been the rink used by Haliburton Hockey Haven campers during the summer.

Coleman, who wasn't certain about specifics, points out there were several community rink facilities over the years, demonstrating the support for hockey in Minden.

"Minden is very representative of small town rural Canada where hockey is a predominate life sport activity within the community. It's very much part of our youth. It carries with us as we develop into adults," he said.

He's already noticed "interest and excitement from the community" about the competition.

Whether or not Minden is deserving will depend in large part on the support demonstrated between now and when nominations end on Feb. 8 to decide the top 10 communities, which win $25,000. The Kraft Hockeyville winner will be announced on April 4 on Hockey Night in Canada.

On Jan. 31, he said, Minden residents can show their support by wearing a hockey jersey and come for the group photo at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena at 10 a.m.

In regards to Haliburton's claim to several NHL players, Coleman contends Minden has also had an influence on them.

Coleman said there are as many reasons for why Minden should win, as there are people in the municipality.

"If somebody feels they can write just as good or better nomination by all means do it and submit it on your own for Minden Hills," he said. "I don't know if quality versus quantity makes a difference, but I think people displaying their passion and putting their heart into it is some of the big points."

Nominate or find links for social media for the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena at www.khv2015.ca. Use #khv_minden on Twitter and Facebook to show your support.

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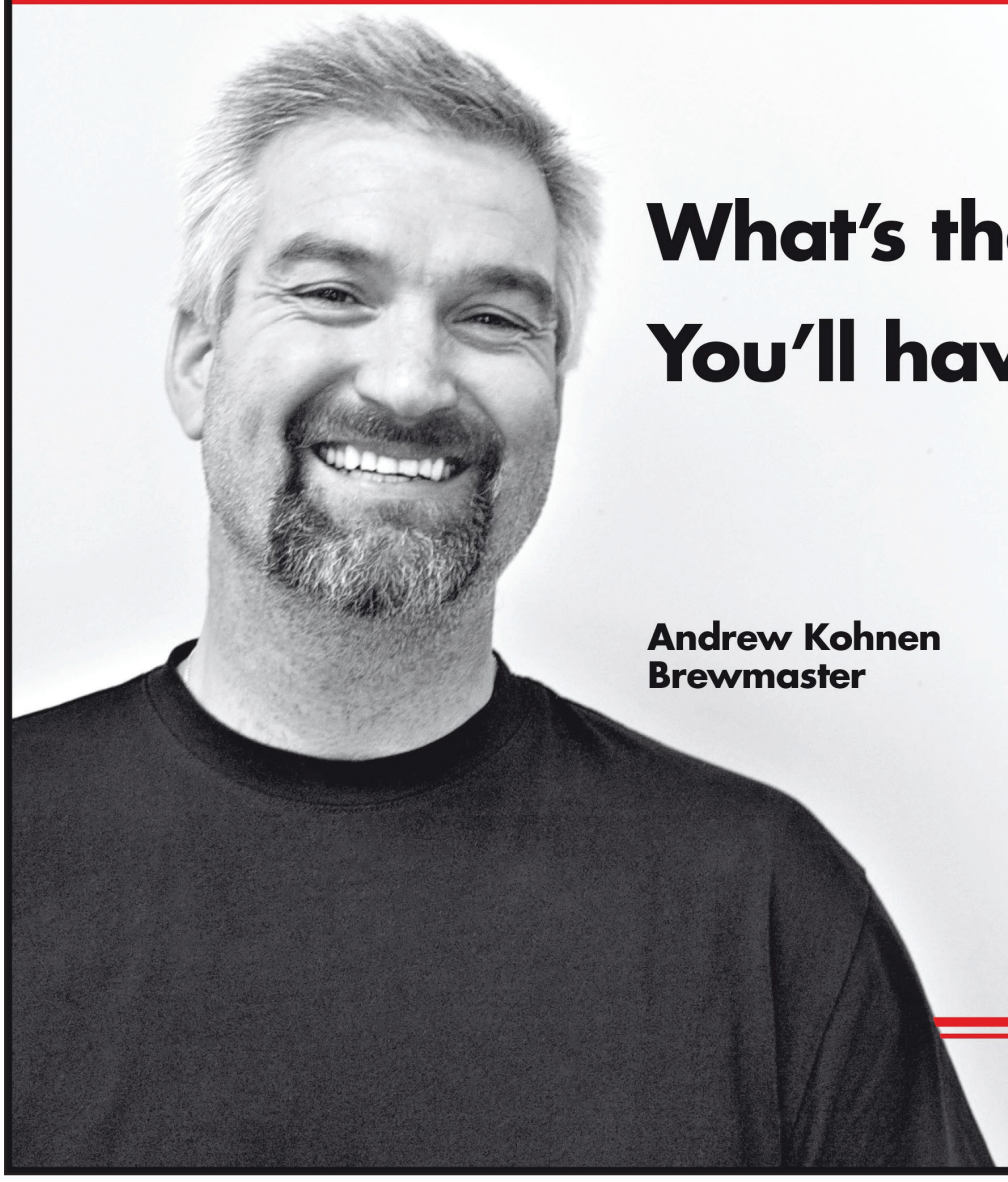
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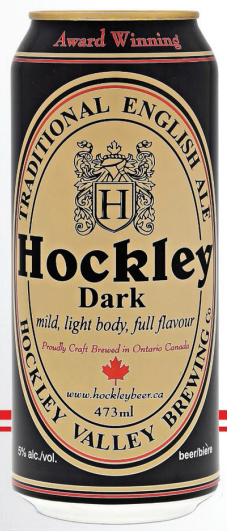

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Initiations at the Minden Legion
Front row Justin Tiffin, Mabel Brannigan, Susan Tiffin. Middle row: Acting Sgt-At-Arms May Bradbury, Verne Brimsmead, Jim McKinnon, Joanne McKinnon, President Judy Flieger, Lisa Burt and Past President Georgina Parkes. Back row: Membership Chairman Pete McGowan, Carl Fischbach, 1st Vice President Jan Briggs-McGowan

Haliburton Legion welcomes new member
Former Montreal Alouette and two time Grey Cup Champion Gary Chown of Richmond Hill gets inducted into the Royal Canadian Legion Haliburton Branch 129 by President Bill Timms on Saturday Jan. 17. All new members are always welcome.

UPCOMING

Community Events

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Recurring Events

Toastmasters
When: Wednesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Where: Minden United Church, Newcastle Street, Minden
We continue to hold our cost-effective, informative and enjoyable Toastmaster meetings at the Minden United Church, Newcastle Street, Minden. We encourage both men and women to come and to see a meeting to find out what we are all about. Here is a place to learn speaking and listening skills in a comfortable setting at a reasonable cost. For more information, call Sybil at 286-2624, Roy Haig at 286-4644 and Lynda Litwin at 286-2911.

The Highlands Festival Singers
Rehearsals are starting for their Annual Spring Concert, A Bouquet of Flowers on Tuesday, January 6th at 7:15 pm in the sanctuary at Haliburton United Church.
All singers are welcome! Find Highlands Festival Singers on facebook, or our webpage highlandsfestivalsingers.ca
or email us at highlandsfestivalsingers@gmail.com

Haliburton Highlands Hand Weavers & Spinners Guild Open Studios
When: Daytime - every Tues. 1-4
Evening - the 3rd. Wed. of every month
Where: Zion United Church, Carnarvon
No experience needed
Contact: Pat @ 705-286-6042 or andreacoysh@gmail.com

Dorset Quilters & Needle Workers Group
When: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
$1 per person
Dorset Evening Yoga Classes
When: Mondays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
$75 for 6 classes or $15 per class. For more information contact Caroline Leeder at huttcaroline@gmail.com or 705-767-1177

Haliburton Region Shout Sister!
Choir, directed by Laurel McCauley, is welcoming new members. We do not audition and learn our music by ear.
All levels of singers are welcome. We sing a fun variety of music from pop and folk to Motown.
Practices are held Thursday nights from 7-9 pm at Haliburton United Church, Fellowship Room, 10 George St., Haliburton.

Dated Events

Fur and Flintlock
When: Jan. 29, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: Dorset area
Discover the fascinating world of Canada's and Haliburton County's oldest industry – the fur trade. This intriguing adventure takes you back into history with an 18th century fur trader, along forest and stream on snowshoes to a trading post to hear the stories, see the authentic trade goods, and feast on a traditional lunch.
Contact: Barrie Martin of Yours Outdoors 705-754-3436 or info@youroutdoors.ca

Roast Beef Dinner at Haliburton United Church
Friday, January 30,2015 at 5:30 p.m.
Call 705-457-1891 to reserve your ticket
A Youth Group fundraiser for their Annual Camp Retreat

Men's Day
When: Friday, Jan. 30
Where: Sir Sam's Ski and Bike
A great day of skiing, racing, indoor games, (cost $125 per person includes: lift ticket, rentals, breakfast, lunch and dinner). Prizes awarded at 7 p.m. Please book in advance.
Contact: chris@sirsams.com, 705-754-2298

Bowlathon Places For People
Planning for the Places for People Annual Bowlathon is now underway… Come out on Saturday February 7th atThe Fast Lane in Minden. Pull your own team together or participate on one of our teams. Spaces are available for either the 12:30pm or 3pm game times. It's a lot of fun, supports a great cause and there are prizes to be won! Visit www.placesforpeople.ca/whats-new/ and contact Lisa Tolentino LisaTolentino5@gmail.com (705) 286-4660 or Fred Phipps kfredandjudy50@gmail.com (705) 457-9694 for more information.

Country Music Jamboree
When: Sunday, Feb. 8, 1 to 5 p.m.
Where: Coboconk Legion
The Country Hot Flashes and open mike, old fashioned square dancing. Admission $7, ($5 open mike)

Lasagne Dinner at Frost Fest
When: Saturday, Feb. 14, between 4 and 6 p.m.
Where: Fellowship Room of the Haliburton United Church
Tickets at the door. $10 adult, $5 for children under 12. Lasagne, salad, garlic bread, dessert, tea/coffee, vegetarian lasagne and gluten-free lasagne. Take out available at the church.
457-1391.

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association
When: Saturday, February 14, 11-2pm, Family Day Weekend
Where: Rail Trail B103 at Gelert Cemetary 3km north of the B112.
Come and join us for a BBQ lunch, meet other club members and Directors and see how a Groomer works.
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Contact: hcsa.ca or ejesseman@bell.net

Frost Festival Polar Bear Challenge
Halburton & District Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge At The 2015 Haliburton Frost Festival
Date: Saturday, February 14th, 2015
Place: Head Lake Park, Haliburton
Time: Registration 10 am – 12 pm Plunge 1:00 pm
Pledge forms located at Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton Foodland, Todds Independent Grocers and West Guilford Shopping Centre or on the website at: http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/haliburtonon/index.php
Pledges can be donated to the Sick Kids Eye Project or HHHSF Palliative Care Wing
St. George's pancake supper at the Legion, February 17th, 5-7. Adults $5, family $15.

Food Handler Course
Thursday, February 26, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton. This course teaches participants how to handle and prepare food safely. Upon successful completion, participants receive a certificate (valid for a period of five years) indicating they are registered as a certified food handler. Cost is $40 per person. For more information and to confirm space availability, call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391.

Legion Events

Branch 624, Wilberforce
Jan Simon PRO
Friday: Pool 1:30PM
Jam Session 7:30PM
Saturday: Meat Draw 2:00pm-5:00pm - Early Bird 3pm sharp Pat & Phyllis Gallen Lake Trout Ice Fish Derby $15/person Weigh in 3:00-6:00pm at the branch – tickets available now!
Monday: Bid Euchre
Tuesday: Executive Meeting
Wednesday: Fun Darts

Branch 129, Haliburton
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Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1pm
Tuesdays: Open dart night at 7pm
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 pm start
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Thursdays: General Meeting Second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 pm All members urged to attend
Ladies Auxiliary Last Thursday of the month at 1 pm
Fridays: Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 pm, Last draw at 6:30 pm, Tickets are $2 per draw…Chester Howse, MC
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 pm draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays: Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 am – 1 pm $6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.
Upcoming Events: Live entertainment featuring The Highlands Trio in the Club Room Saturday February 7th 4-7 PM. Enjoy pulled pork on a bun for just $5. No cover.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, call the Legion today for more information 705 457 2571
Please come out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129…everyone is welcome!

Branch 636, Minden 705-286-4541
Open Mon-Thurs 10am-6pm, Fridays til 9pm, Sundays 1-5.
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Big Euchre, 1st Sunday of the month, includes lunch
Lunches **noon to 2pm**
Mon to Thursday: full menu and daily specials.
Tuesdays: Liver lovers are flocking to Minden Legion every Tuesday at lunch. Liver n Onions is the special on Tuesdays from noon to 2pm, cooked up by new members Jim & Joanne McKinnon. And don't worry if liver is not your favourite, the Minden Legion also offers a full menu choice Monday through Thursday.
On Fridays we serve beer-battered Fish and Chips for lunch or supper.
Friday lunch menu: beer-battered fish with fries or onion rings.
Friday supper 5-7pm also chicken wings
Wednesdays: Meat Draw at noon, $8 buys 8 chances for butcher-quality meat.
Ladies Darts on **Thursdays**

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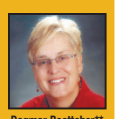
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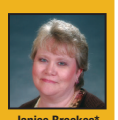
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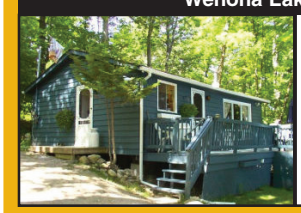

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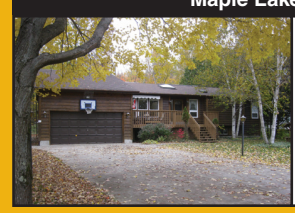
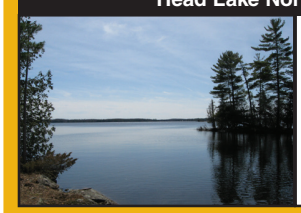


- Contemporary design, open concept
- Large principle rooms, propane heat
- Three bedroom, three baths
- Municipal access, pure sand beach

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23

Head Lake Norland $199,000



- 48 acre vacant parcel
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David Lee 286-2138 x 27

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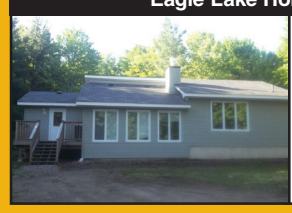

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- 5 bdrm, 3 bath, master w/ensuite
- WO to lakeside deck from master, kit & livingrm
- WO bsmt, landscaped lot, perennial gardens
- 3 car gar. with storage, + out buildings, custom dock

Dawn Poissant 457-2128 x 31

Halls Lake $250,000

SOLD

- Great property with original 1940's cabin
- + 440 sq ft Bunkie with 1 BR, bath & kitchen
- Beautiful, hard packed, sand bottom beach!!

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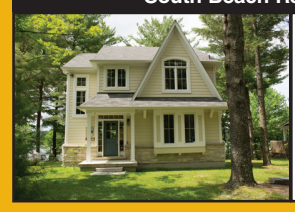
South Beach Resort! $519,000



- Year round condo living close to Minden
- 4 BR, 3 baths; upgraded high-end finishings
- Exclusive use of your lot and waterfront
- Fees cover snow/trash removal & lot maint.

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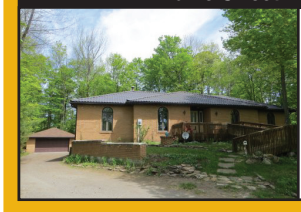
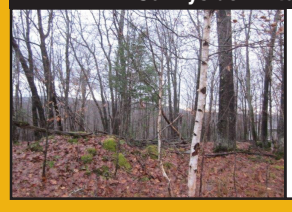
Home Sweet Home $315,900



- Gorgeous country setting yet in town home
- 4 BRs and 2 ½ baths, main floor laundry
- Main floor family room, lower level rec rm
- 2 car garage, beautiful lot and super yard

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24

Sunnyside Hilltop Lot $68,500



- Scenic hilltop views over Haliburton Village
- Multi-exposure 1.5 acre residential lot
- Private setting in area of finer homes
- Well-maintained Township road - a "Must-Buy!"

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52

Clear Lake $425,000

- Charming Chalet Style 3 Bdrm. Cottage
- Cozy Woodstove in the Living Room
- Wraparound Deck, Detached Garage
- Sand Shoreline, Turquoise Waters

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32

Summer Dreaming? $599,000

- Gorgeous sand beach at waterfont
- Viceroy style 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, year round cottage
- Western exposure on great 3 lake chain
- Buy now and be ready for Summer!

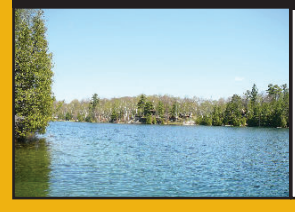
Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25

Tedious Lake $519,000

- Newly built 3 bedroom, 2 bath cottage
- 2+ acres, 150' water ftg & stunning sunsets
- Open concept layout with cathedral ceilings
- Full & finished walkout basement

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25

Point Lot on Clear Lake $139,000



- 115' Sand & Deep Water Frontage
- Just under one acre, good privacy
- Perfect building site with multi views
- Crystal Clean "Clear" Lake, BEAUTIFUL

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